IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.121 as follows (see the accompanying "marked up" version pursuant to 1.121):

1. (Amended) A method for delivering a parcel by a carrier to a secure receptacle at a location, comprising the steps of:

(a) providing the parcel to the carrier and dispatching the carrier to the location in accordance with delivery instructions associated with the parcel, the location corresponding to the address on the delivery instructions;

(b) accessing the secure receptacle ;

(c) placing the parcel within the secure receptacle;

(d) securing the secure receptacle; and

(e) automatically registering the placement of the parcel within the secure receptacle after the securing step.

3. (Amended) The method as in claim 1, the registering step including the additional steps of:

accessing a remote location by a communication link; and

conveying the placement data to the remote location;

wherein the registering step is in response to and contemporaneous with the securing step.